



Frequently Asked Questions about the Rhode Island Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule

Rhode Island has supported a Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator Program since 2001. This year, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized federal Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) regulations. Rhode Island certified that its program meets federal requirements, and the EPA delegated authority to Rhode Island to enforce the RRP Rule on April 20, 2010.

1. Q: With regards to the RRP, what is a “delegated authority” state?

A: A “delegated authority” state is a state that has applied and received approval from EPA to run a program to implement and enforce the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

To find the states that have been EPA authorized to enforce the RRP Rule themselves you can visit EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#authorized>.

2. Q: What is a “EPA run state”?

A: An “EPA run state” is one that has not applied for delegated authority to run the RRP Rule. In these states, EPA is the entity responsible for the RRP Rule.

3. Q: After April 20, 2010, I took an RI-certified RRP course and obtained my RI Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator license. Is my certificate and license good in other states?

A: YES. Your certification is good in RI and in all EPA run states. For states that have received EPA authorization (<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#authorized>) to enforce the RRP Rule themselves, you would need to check their programs to determine if other requirements exist.

4. Q: I obtained my RI Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator license in 2009. Is this license still valid?

A: YES. Rhode Island Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator licenses obtained prior to April 20, 2010 are valid ONLY in Rhode Island. In addition, those holding licenses obtained prior to April 2010 need to be aware of the regulatory amendments that went into effect on March 30, 2010. These amendments include the requirement that all RI licensed Remodeler/Renovators MUST work for a licensed RI Lead Hazard Control Firm. Firm licenses can be obtained for \$40 and are valid for five years.

5. Q: I obtained my RI Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator license before 2010. What do I need to do to work in EPA run states?

A: To work in EPA run states (states that have not been authorized to run the RRP program themselves), you will need to have a course certificate recognized by EPA. EPA recognizes two types of course certificates as valid: 1) initial or refresher course certificates from training providers that have received Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) EPA certification (http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_training.htm), and 2) Rhode Island Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator Course Certificates dated after April 20, 2010. (EPA authorized RI’s Renovation, Repair, and Painting program on April 20, 2010.)

6. Q: Is my Rhode Island Lead Hazard Control Firm license valid in other states?

A: No. You must get a state-specific license if that state has delegation of authority (like Massachusetts, for example). You must get the EPA firm license if the state is EPA run. You may need to get both licenses if you want to work in states that are EPA run and states that have delegation of authority.

7. Q: Is my RI Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator license valid in other states?

A: It depends on the state where you want to do business. In Massachusetts, for example, you can work if you show your RI training certificate and are affiliated with a Massachusetts Lead-Safe Renovation Contractor.

8. Q: I took an EPA-certified course in an EPA run state. Why do I need an additional license to work in RI?

A: RI has required licensure since 2001. Licensure can be obtained after successful completion of an RI-certified training course. Those individuals with valid certificates from an EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting Training Provider do not need to repeat the 8-hour class but do need to show mastery of RI-specific material. This can be done either by successful completion of an online reciprocity course (<http://kesa.pair.com/~clap/RIRRPReciprocity/login.php>) or by completing an RI-certified refresher course. Note that in RI, work must be done under the direction of an RI licensed Lead Hazard Control Firm.

9. Q: I am an EPA certified training provider based outside of RI. Can I teach in RI?

A: To become an RI-certified training provider, you need to submit your course curriculum, a \$100 application fee, and a course fee of \$390 to the RI Department of Health for approval. The course curriculum must include all EPA-required material as well as RI specific material, including requirements for start work notification, maintaining a licensed person on-site at all times, and clearance by a licensed inspector/inspector technician.

Students who have taken your course outside of RI can obtain a license by taking an additional RI-certified reciprocity course (<http://kesa.pair.com/~clap/RIRRPReciprocity/login.php>) or RI-certified refresher course. See question 5 above.

10. Q: I am an RI-certified training provider. Do I need to obtain EPA certification as well?

A: Since Rhode Island is an EPA Authorized state, EPA certification is not required. The state will notify EPA of those individuals who complete an RI-certified provider class, but only after the individual's application for licensure is complete.

Resources

- [Rhode Island Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule](#)
- [Application and Renewal Information for Licensed Lead Professionals](#)
- [Information for Lead Hazard Control Professionals](#)